ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is a method for evaluating a player's award in a game wherein one symbol of the gaming device changes into another. In one embodiment, the present invention provides all awards for predetermined symbols and combinations thereof, including winning combinations produced by a wild symbol. In a second step, the game awards all awards for predetermined symbols and combinations thereof produced after the wild symbol has changed one or more non-wild symbols to a wild symbol. This step includes awarding the player for combinations previously awarded in the first step, which may or may not have been the result of the wild symbol.